

42. (New) The nasal mask of claim 41, wherein a maximum deformation position of the second membrane is defined by the first membrane.

43. (New) The nasal mask of claim 42, wherein the maximum deformation position is not reached under normal tightening force of the mask to the wearer's face.

44. (New) The nasal mask of claim 40, wherein the first and second membranes are formed as a one-piece unit.

45. (New) The nasal mask of claim 40, wherein the first membrane is thicker than the second membrane.

46. (New) A nasal mask for connection to a wearer's face comprising:  
a mask body for connection with a supply of breathable gas; and  
a nasal cushion secured to said mask body, the body and cushion forming a nose-receiving cavity, said cushion including:

a nasal bridge region, a cheek region and a lip region;

a first membrane of resilient material having a first molded inwardly curved rim; and

a saddle-shaped second membrane also of resilient material, said second membrane having a second molded inwardly curved rim, said second molded rim being fixed to and extending away from said first membrane so as to have a second membrane inner surface spaced a distance from an outer surface of said first molded rim, said distance greater than a thickness of the first molded inwardly curved rim, said first distance measured when the mask is not in use, a portion of said second molded rim forming a face contacting seal;

wherein said seal portion is substantially coterminous with respect to said second molded rim and is resiliently deformable towards said first membrane in use of said mask.

47. (New) The nasal mask of claim 46, further comprising an arm coupled to and extending above the nasal bridge region of the mask, the arm including an oblong slot positioned on each lateral side of the arm to receive a strap.

48. (New) The nasal mask of claim 47, further comprising a single resilient pad mounted on the arm and centered above the nasal bridge region of the mask.

49. (New) The nasal mask of claim 48, wherein the second membrane is comfortable, in use, to various facial structures with minimum force.

50. (New) The nasal mask of claim 49, wherein a maximum deformation position of the second membrane is defined by the first membrane.

51. (New) The nasal mask of claim 50, wherein the maximum deformation position is not reached under normal tightening force of the mask to the wearer's face..

52. (New) The nasal mask of claim 46, wherein the first and second membranes are formed as a one-piece unit.

53. (New) The nasal mask of claim 46, wherein the first membrane is thicker than the second membrane.

54. (New) A nasal CPAP treatment apparatus comprising:  
a flow generator for the supply of gas at a pressure elevated above atmospheric pressure;  
a gas delivery conduit coupled to said flow generator; and  
a nasal mask in turn coupled to said conduit to said nasal mask including:  
a mask body for connection with a supply of breathable gas; and  
a nasal cushion secured to said mask body, the body and cushion forming a nose-receiving cavity, the cushion including:  
a nasal bridge region, a cheek region and a lip region;  
a first membrane of resilient material having a first membrane having a first molded inwardly curved rim; and

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a saddle-shaped second membrane having a second molded inwardly curved rim also of resilient material, said second membrane being fixed to and extending away from said first membrane so as to have an inner surface spaced a distance from said first molded rim, said distance greater than a thickness of the first inwardly curved rim, said distance measured when the mask is not in use, a portion of said second molded rim forming a face contacting seal;

wherein said seal portion is generally coterminous with respect to said second molded rim and is resiliently deformable towards said first membrane in use of said mask.

55. (New) The nasal mask of claim 54, further comprising an arm coupled to and extending above the nasal bridge region of the mask, the arm including an oblong slot positioned on each lateral side of the arm to receive a strap.

56. (New) The nasal mask of claim 55, further comprising a single resilient pad mounted on the arm and centered above the nasal bridge region of the mask.

57. (New) The nasal mask of claim 56, wherein the second membrane is conformable, in use, to various facial structures with minimum force.

58. (New) The nasal mask of claim 57, wherein a maximum deformation position of the second membrane is defined by the first membrane.

59. (New) The nasal mask of claim 58, wherein the maximum deformation position is not reached under normal tightening force of the mask to the wearer's face.

60. (New) The nasal mask of claim 54, wherein the first and second membranes are formed as a one-piece unit.

61. (New) The nasal mask of claim 54, wherein the first membrane is thicker than the second membrane.

62. (New) A nasal mask cushion for sealingly connecting a mask to a wearer's face, comprising:

a frame of resilient material having a first membrane, the first membrane including a first molded inwardly curved rim; and

a saddle-shaped second membrane of resilient material, said second membrane having a second molded inwardly curved rim, said second membrane curved rim spaced a distance from said first membrane curved rim, said distance greater than a thickness of the first molded inwardly curved rim, said distance measured when the mask is not in use, a portion of said second membrane curved rim forming a face contacting seal.

63. (New) The nasal mask of claim 62, wherein the second membrane is conformable, in use, to various facial structures with minimum force.

64. (New) The nasal mask of claim 63, wherein a maximum deformation position of the second membrane is defined by the first membrane.

65. (New) The nasal mask of claim 64, wherein the maximum deformation position is not reached under normal tightening force of the mask to the wearer's face.

66. (New) The nasal mask of claim 62, wherein the first and second membranes are formed as a one-piece unit.

67. (New) The nasal mask of claim 62, wherein the first membrane is thicker than the second membrane.

68. (New) A nasal mask cushion to sealingly connect a mask to a wearer's face, the cushion comprising:

a nasal bridge region, a cheek region and a lip region;

a first membrane comprising a frame of resilient material having a first molded inwardly curved rim; and

a saddle-shaped second membrane of resilient material, said second membrane having a second molded inwardly curved rim, a portion of said second membrane curved rim forming a face contacting seal, said second membrane curved rim spaced a sufficient distance

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from said first membrane curved rim such that under a normal tightening force of the mask to the wearer's face, at least a portion of the second membrane curved rim remains spaced from the first membrane curved rim.

69. (New) The nasal mask of claim 68, wherein the second membrane is conformable, in use, to various facial structures with minimum force.

70. (New) The nasal mask of claim 69, wherein a maximum deformation position of the second membrane is defined by the first membrane.

71. (New) The nasal mask of claim 70, wherein the maximum deformation position is not reached under normal tightening force of the mask to the wearer's face.

72. (New) The nasal mask of claim 68, wherein the first and second membranes are formed as a one-piece unit.

73. (New) The nasal mask of claim 68, wherein the first membrane is thicker than the second membrane.

74. (New) A nasal mask for connection to a wearer's face comprising:  
a mask body for connection with a supply of breathable gas; and  
a nasal cushion secured to said mask body, the body and cushion forming a nose-receiving cavity, said cushion including:

a nasal bridge region, a cheek region and a lip region;

a substantially triangularly-shaped first membrane of resilient material having a first molded inwardly curved rim to surround wearer's nose; and

a saddle-shaped second membrane also of resilient material, said second membrane having a second molded inwardly curved rim, said second molded rim being fixed to and extending away from said first membrane so as to have a second membrane inner surface spaced a distance from an outer surface of said first molded rim, a portion of said second molded rim forming a face contacting seal;

wherein said seal portion is substantially coterminous with respect to said second molded rim and is resiliently deformable towards said first membrane in

use of said mask, at least a portion of the second molded rim remaining spaced from the first molded rim when the mask is connected to the wearer's face.

75. (New) The nasal mask of claim 74, further comprising an arm coupled to and extending above the nasal bridge region of the mask, the arm including an oblong slot positioned one each lateral side of the arm to receive a strap.

76. (New) The nasal mask of claim 75, further comprising a single resilient pad mounted on the arm and centered above the nasal bridge region of the mask.

77. (New) The nasal mask of claim 76, wherein the second membrane is conformable, in use, to various facial structures with minimum force.

78. (New) The nasal mask of claim 77, wherein a maximum deformation position of the second membrane is defined by the first membrane.

79. (New) The nasal mask of claim 78, wherein the maximum deformation position is not reached under normal tightening force of the mask to the wearer's face.

80. (New) The nasal mask of claim 74, wherein the first and second membranes are formed as a one-piece unit.

81. (New) The nasal mask of claim 74, wherein the first membrane is thicker than the second membrane.

82. (New) A nasal CPAP treatment apparatus comprising:  
a flow generator for the supply of gas at a pressure elevated above atmospheric pressure;  
a gas delivery conduit coupled to said flow generator; and  
a nasal mask in turn coupled to said conduit to said nasal mask including:  
a mask body for connection with a supply of breathable gas; and  
a nasal cushion secured to said mask body, the body and cushion forming a nose-receiving cavity, the cushion including:

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a nasal bridge region, a cheek region and a lip region;

a frame of resilient material having a first membrane with a molded inwardly curved rim; and

a saddle-shaped second membrane having a second molded inwardly curved rim also of resilient material, said second membrane being fixed to and extending away from said first membrane so as to have an inner surface spaced a distance from said first molded rim, a portion of said second molded rim forming a face contacting seal;

wherein said seal portion is generally coterminous with respect to said second molded rim and is resiliently deformable towards said first membrane in use of said mask, at least a portion of the second molded rim remaining spaced from the first molded rim when the mask is connected to a wearer's face.

83. (New) The nasal mask of claim 82, further comprising an arm coupled to and extending above the nasal bridge region of the mask, the arm including an oblong slot positioned on each lateral side of the arm to receive a strap.

84. (New) The nasal mask of claim 83, further comprising a single resilient pad mounted on the arm and centered above the nasal bridge region of the mask.

85. (New) The nasal mask of claim 84, wherein the second membrane is conformable, in use, to various facial structures with minimum force.

86. (New) The nasal mask of claim 85, wherein a maximum deformation position of the second membrane is defined by the first membrane.

87. (New) The nasal mask of claim 82, wherein the maximum deformation position is not reached under normal tightening force of the mask to the wearer's face.

88. (New) The nasal mask of claim 82, wherein the first and second membranes are formed as a one-piece unit.

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cont L 89. (New) The nasal mask of claim 82, wherein the first membrane is thicker than the second membrane.

90. (New) A nasal mask cushion for sealingly connecting a mask to a wearer's face, comprising:

a frame of resilient material having a first membrane, the first membrane including a first molded inwardly curved rim; and

a saddle-shaped second membrane of resilient material, said second membrane having a second molded inwardly curved rim, said second membrane curved rim spaced a distance from said first membrane curved rim, measured when the mask is not in use, a portion of said second membrane curved rim forming a face contacting seal, said second membrane curved rim spaced a sufficient distance from said first membrane curved rim such that under a normal tightening force of the mask to the wearer's face, the second membrane curved rim remains spaced from the first membrane curved rim around at least a portion of the first membrane curved rim.

91. (New) The nasal mask of claim 90, wherein the second membrane is conformable, in use, to various facial structures with minimum force.

92. (New) The nasal mask of claim 91, wherein a maximum deformation position of the second membrane is defined by the first membrane.

93. (New) The nasal mask of claim 92, wherein the maximum deformation position is not reached under normal tightening force of the mask to the wearer's face.

94. (New) The nasal mask of claim 90, wherein the first and second membranes are formed as a one-piece unit.

95. (New) The nasal mask of claim 90, wherein the first membrane is thicker than the second membrane.

96. (New) A cushion and mask assembly comprising:



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a mask including a mask shell constructed to receive a supply of breathable air, an arm extending away from the mask shell and including an oblong slot positioned on each lateral side of the arm to receive a strap, and a resilient pad mounted on the arm and centered above a nasal bridge region of the mask; and

a cushion having a main upstanding wall, the wall having a first end removably coupleable to the mask and a second end defining an opening into a nasal cavity formed by the mask and the cushion, the wall including a first membrane positioned between the first and second ends and extending inwardly onto the nasal cavity, the second end of the wall defining a saddle-shaped second membrane adapted to form a seal over a portion of the wearer's face in a region between the base of the nose and the upper lip and around the sides and over the bridge of the wearer's nose when the mask is in use, the second membrane being spaced from the first membrane a distance that is greater than a thickness of the first membrane, the first membrane having a width that is less than a distance from an intersection of the first membrane and the wall to an edge of the second membrane defining an aperture of the nasal cavity, the second membrane overhanging and covering substantially all portions of the first membrane, the first membrane acting to define a maximum deformation position of the second membrane in use.

97. (New) The nasal mask of claim 96, wherein the second membrane is conformable, in use, to various facial structures with minimum force.

98. (New) The nasal mask of claim 96, wherein the first and second membranes are formed as a one-piece unit.

99. (New) The nasal mask of claim 96, wherein the first membrane is thicker than the second membrane.